[5th March 1926

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15 *on the 4th December* 1924--

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Civil Justice.

Maundy Thursday as a public holiday.

*1528 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what orders have been passed on the resolution of the Council, that Maundy Thursday be declared as sectional holiday for Roman Catholic employees in Civil Courts and the penultimate Saturday a holiday for all Civil Courts;

(*b*) whether Government have received any complaints from any Protestant or Indian Christians about the conferring of the Maundy Thursday holiday on only Roman Catholics; and

(*c*) whether Government have decided to extend the holiday in question to all Christians?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 3327, Law (General), dated the 3rd November 1925, placed on the Editors' Table.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Restoration of Easter Holidays to mufassal Civil Courts

*1528-A Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government are considering the restoration of the Easter Holidays at their full length to the mufassal Civil Courts?

A.—No.

Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member to state whether the Government have received any recommendations regarding the restoration of the holidays?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"Yes, Sir. The High Court has considered those recommendations."